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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS VISIT OF PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG,
JUNE 8-11

1. CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA VISITED THE NETHERLANDS JUNE 8-11. HIS VISIT RETURNED THAT OF FORMER DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO CHINA IN 1974. HUANG MET QUEEN JULIANA AND HELD TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW. HE VISITED STANDARD DUTCH SIGHTS, INCLUDING THE DELTA PROJECT IN SOUTHWESTERN NETHERLANDS. HUANG ARRIVED IN THE NETHERLANDS FROM A VISIT TO ZAIRE AND DEPARTED ON JUNE 11 FOR TURKEY.

2. IN A SPEECH JUNE 9 AT A WELCOMING BANQUET (COPY POUCHE TO EA/PRCM), HUANG SAID THAT THERE WAS "NO CONFLICT OF FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST" BETWEEN CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS. HE EXPRESSED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD

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WORLD, PRAISING GON FOR ITS EFFORTS FOR EUROPEAN UNITY, DEFENSE AND THIRD-WORLD RELATIONSHIPS. ON ANOTHER OCCASION, HUANG STRESSED CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO CLOSER TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE AGAINST THE "HEGEMONISTS" IN MOSCOW.

3. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 9 HUANG SAID THAT A CHINESE DELEGATION WOULD COME TO THE NETHERLANDS IN NOVEMBER TO NEGOTIATE

TIATE ON CIVIL AVIATION. REFERRING TO KLM LANDING RIGHTS IN PEKING, HE SAID: "I THINK THERE WILL BE NO GREAT PROBLEM." AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, HUANG DENOUNCED SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND CALLED ON WESTERN EUROPE TO UNITE AGAINST THE DANGER OF BEING OUTFLANKED AND ENCIRCLED BY MOSCOW. HE ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF "UNDISGUISED AND UNBRIDLED AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION" IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. HUANG SAID THAT AID FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS ZAIRE SHOULD COME FIRST FROM AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD, BUT THAT CHINA APPROVED OF AID FROM "OTHER COUNTRIES," PROVIDING ZAIRE'S SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WERE RESPECTED.

4. TWO OTHER CHINA-RELATED VISITS ARE TAKING PLACE DURING THIS PERIOD. A 10-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ARRIVED JUNE 9 FOR A 10-DAY VISIT AS GUESTS OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THE VISIT IS TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECTS AND IS IN RETURN FOR A VISIT TO CHINA IN 1977 OF THE DUTCH ACADEMY'S FORMER PRESIDENT. ON JUNE 11 A LARGE DELEGATION FROM THE DUTCH FABO BANK DEPARTED ON A 19DAY FACT-FINDING TOUR TO CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IT IS THE FIRST VISIT TO CHINA BY A DUTCH BANKING INSTITUTION.

5. COMMENT: NEITHER THE HUANG VISIT NOR THE OTHER TRAVEL HAS AROUSED SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INTEREST. GON INTEREST IN CHINA
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HAS APPEARED TO BE RATHER MINIMAL IN RECENT YEARS. HOWEVER, THE COINCIDENCE OF OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL CHINA-RELATED TRAVEL ILLUSTRATES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-PRONGED NETHERLANDS-PRC RELATIONSHIP. ON THE ONE HAND, COMMERCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS ARE BEING SLOWLY NURTURED, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LIMITED MUTUAL POLITICAL INTERESTS ARE BEING CAREFULLY RECOGNIZED.

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